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SUBJECT: VAN DER STOEL'S DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT ON CYPRUS AND
AEGEAN ISSUES

REF: THE HAGUE 4862

1. DUTCH EMBOFF TOLD US SEPTEMBER 9 THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO
ANKARA SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER MAX VAN DER
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STOEL DID NOT MAKE A DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9 ON

EITHER THE CYPRUS OR AEGEAN PROBLEMS. THE SUBJECTS DID COME UP DURING THE COURSE OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER. ACCORDING TO THE DUTCH EMBOFF, VAN DER STOEL TOLD FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL THAT THE EC-9 WERE VERY CONCERNED BY THE AEGEAN DISPUTE AND HE URGED THAT TURKEY ACT WITH RESTRAINT. PREDICTABLY, CAGLAYANGIL RESPONDED BY ASSERTING THAT TURKEY ALWAYS ACTED WITH RESTRAINT, THAT SHE WAS ALWAYS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE AND THAT THE CURRENT CRISIS IN THE AEGEAN WAS CAUSED BY THE GREEKS. VAN DER STOEL ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE CONTINUING DISPUTE IN THE AEGEAN WOULD BE JOINT EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. CAGLAYANGIL AGREED, NOTING THAT THIS WAS PRECISELY WHAT TURKEY HAD PROPOSED AT VARIOUS TIMES.

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS, VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT RECENT STATEMENTS BY TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (UDI) MADE THE PROBLEM EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO SOLVE. CAGLAYANGIL REPORTEDLY ANSWERED THAT THE GOT CANNOT CONTROL WHAT DENKTASH SAYS, ALTHOUGH IT DOES HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER WHAT HE DOES.

3. COMMENT: VAN DER STOEL'S PRIMARY CONCERN DURING THE VISIT WAS NOT THE CYPRUS AND AEGEAN PROBLEMS, BUT THE TURKISH-EC RELATIONSHIP, ON WHICH WE WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY.
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